

# BookletChart™

## Chesapeake and Delaware Canal

NOAA Chart 12277

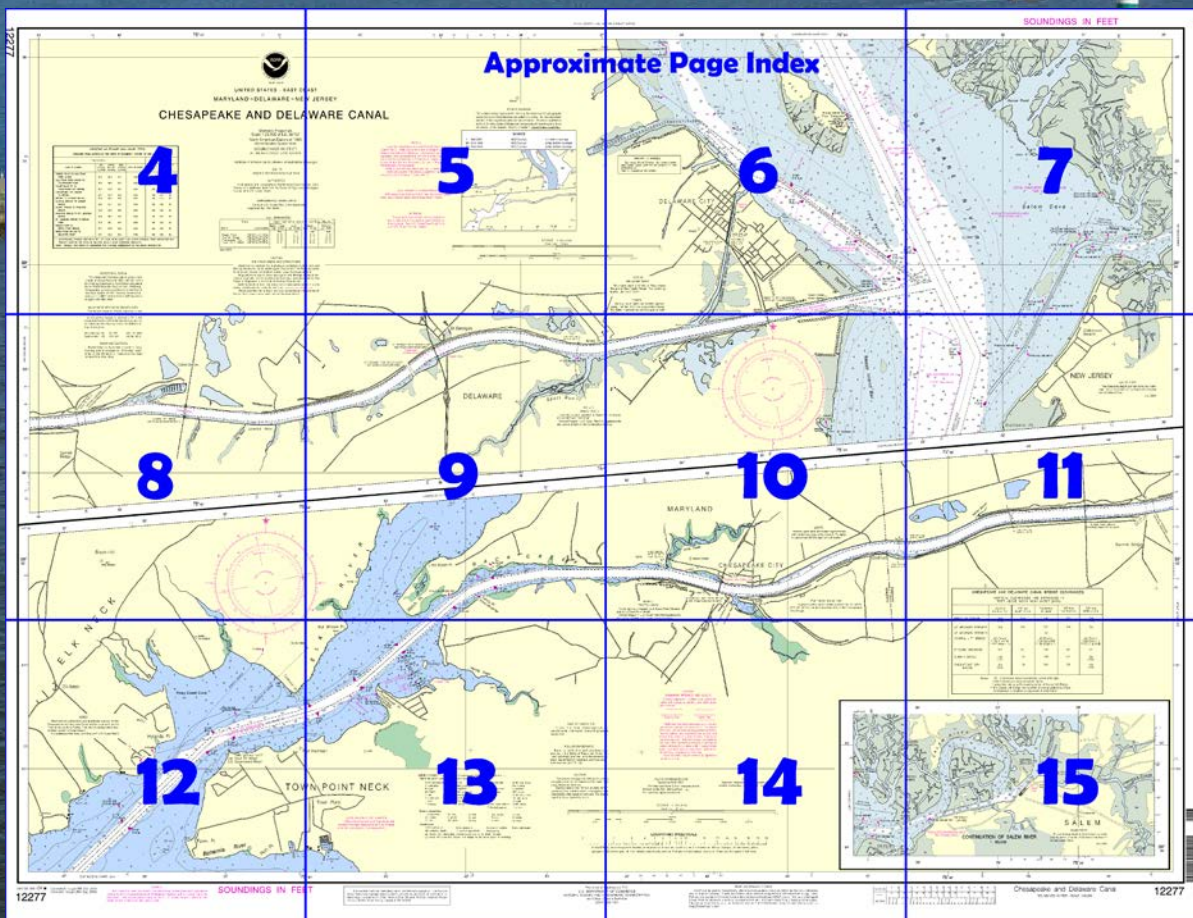


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### What are Nautical Charts?

Nautical charts are a fundamental tool of marine navigation. They show water depths, obstructions, buoys, other aids to navigation, and much more. The information is shown in a way that promotes safe and efficient navigation. Chart carriage is mandatory on the commercial ships that carry America's commerce. They are also used on every Navy and Coast Guard ship, fishing and passenger vessels, and are widely carried by recreational boaters.

### What is a BookletChart™?

This BookletChart is made to help recreational boaters locate themselves on the water. It has been reduced in scale for convenience, but otherwise contains all the information of the full-scale nautical chart. The bar scales have also been reduced, and are accurate when used to measure distances in this BookletChart. See the Note at the bottom of page 5 for the reduction in scale applied to this chart.

Whenever possible, use the official, full scale NOAA nautical chart for navigation. Nautical chart sales agents are listed on the Internet at <http://www.NauticalCharts.NOAA.gov>.

This BookletChart does NOT fulfill chart carriage requirements for regulated commercial vessels under Titles 33 and 44 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

### Notice to Mariners Correction Status

This BookletChart has been updated for chart corrections published in the U.S. Coast Guard Local Notice to Mariners, the National Geospatial Intelligence Agency Weekly Notice to Mariners, and, where applicable, the Canadian Coast Guard Notice to Mariners. Additional chart corrections have been made by NOAA in advance of their publication in a Notice to Mariners. The last Notices to Mariners applied to this chart are listed in the Note at the bottom of page 7. Coast Pilot excerpts are not being corrected.

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#### (Selected Excerpts from Coast Pilot)

The **Chesapeake and Delaware Canal** is a sea-level waterway that extends from Delaware River at Reedy Point, DE, to **Back Creek** at Chesapeake City, MD, thence down Back Creek to Elk River and Chesapeake Bay. The Reedy Point entrance is 51 miles above the Delaware Capes, 35.5 miles below Philadelphia, 62 miles from Baltimore, and 187.5 miles from the Virginia Capes. **Miles** in the following text are the distances in

nautical miles along the canal from the middle of Delaware River. **Reedy Point**, at Mile 0.7 on the north side of the Delaware entrance, is jettied and is marked by a light; the jetty on the south side is similarly marked.

**Note.**—The system of marking the channel with buoys and lights is from each entrance and reverses at Chesapeake City. Even numbers and flashing red lights are on the north side and odd numbers and flashing green lights are on the south side between the Delaware Bay entrance and Chesapeake City. Even numbers and flashing red lights are on the south side and odd numbers and flashing green lights are on the north side from Chesapeake City to the west end of the canal. Each bend along the canal is marked by an amber light.

In addition to the navigational aids, the north and south banks of the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal are lighted by lumenaries spaced 500 feet apart on poles at a height of 25 feet mean high water. They are designed to illuminate the banks at the water's edge to assist ships navigating the canal at night. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineer-maintained poles are 250 feet apart with a light on every other pole.

**Navigation regulations.**—The following regulations are from 33 CFR 162 and 33 CFR 207:§162.40 **Inland waterway from Delaware River to Chesapeake Bay, DE and MD (Chesapeake and Delaware Canal).**

(a) Applicability. The regulations in this section are applicable to that part of the inland waterway from Delaware River to Chesapeake Bay, DE and MD, between Reedy Point, Delaware River, and Old Town Point Wharf, Elk River.

(b) Speed. No vessel in the waterway shall be raced or crowded alongside another vessel. Vessels of all types, including pleasure craft, are required to travel at all times at a safe speed throughout the canal and its approaches so as to avoid damage by suction or wave wash to wharves, landings, riprap protection, or other boats, or injury to persons. Pilots and vessel operators transiting the canal and its approaches are warned that violation of this rule may result in having their privilege to transit the canal suspended. Passages of vessels through the canal will be monitored and specific cases will be investigated where damage by suction or wave wash does occur.

Owners and operators of yachts, motorboats, rowboats, and other craft are cautioned that large deep-draft ocean-going vessels and other large commercial vessels ply the canal, and such owners and operators should be particularly careful to moor or anchor well away from the main ship channels, with moorings and lines which are sufficient and proper.

(c) Right-of-way. All vessels proceeding with the current shall have the right-of-way over those proceeding against the current. Large vessels or tows must not overtake and attempt to pass other large vessels or tows in the waterway. All small pleasure craft shall relinquish the right-of-way to deeper draft vessels, which have a limited maneuvering ability due to their draft and size.

(d) Stopping in waterway. Vessels will not be permitted to stop or anchor in the ship channel.

(e) Water skiing. Water skiing in the waterway is prohibited between Reedy Point and Welch Point.

(f) Sailboats. Transiting the canal by vessels under sail is

An anchorage basin is provided on the south side of the canal at Mile 12.8, opposite Chesapeake City. The entrance to the basin is subject to periodic shoaling.

Regulations for the use of the anchorage and mooring basin are given in **207.100(e)** provided previously in this chapter.

A **special anchorage**, with depths of 3 to 4 feet, is on the southeast side of the canal at Mile 16.3, northeastward of Courthouse Point. (See **110.1** and **110.70**, chapter 2, for limits and regulations.)

### **U.S. Coast Guard Rescue Coordination Center 24 hour Regional Contact for Emergencies**

RCC Norfolk

Commander

5th CG District

Norfolk, VA

(575) 398-6231



# Navigation Managers Area of Responsibility



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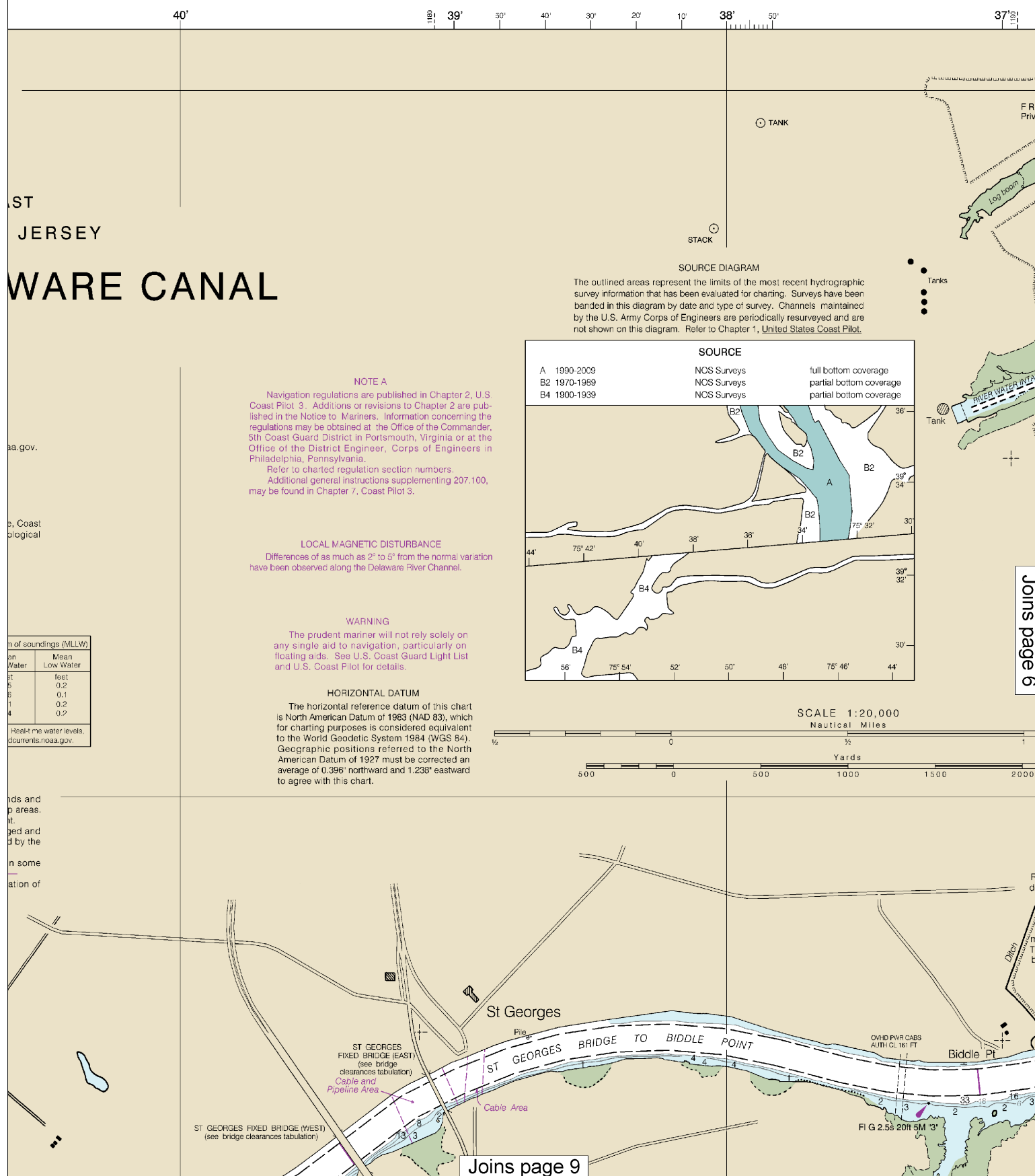
## Lateral System As Seen Entering From Seaward

on navigable waters except Western Rivers



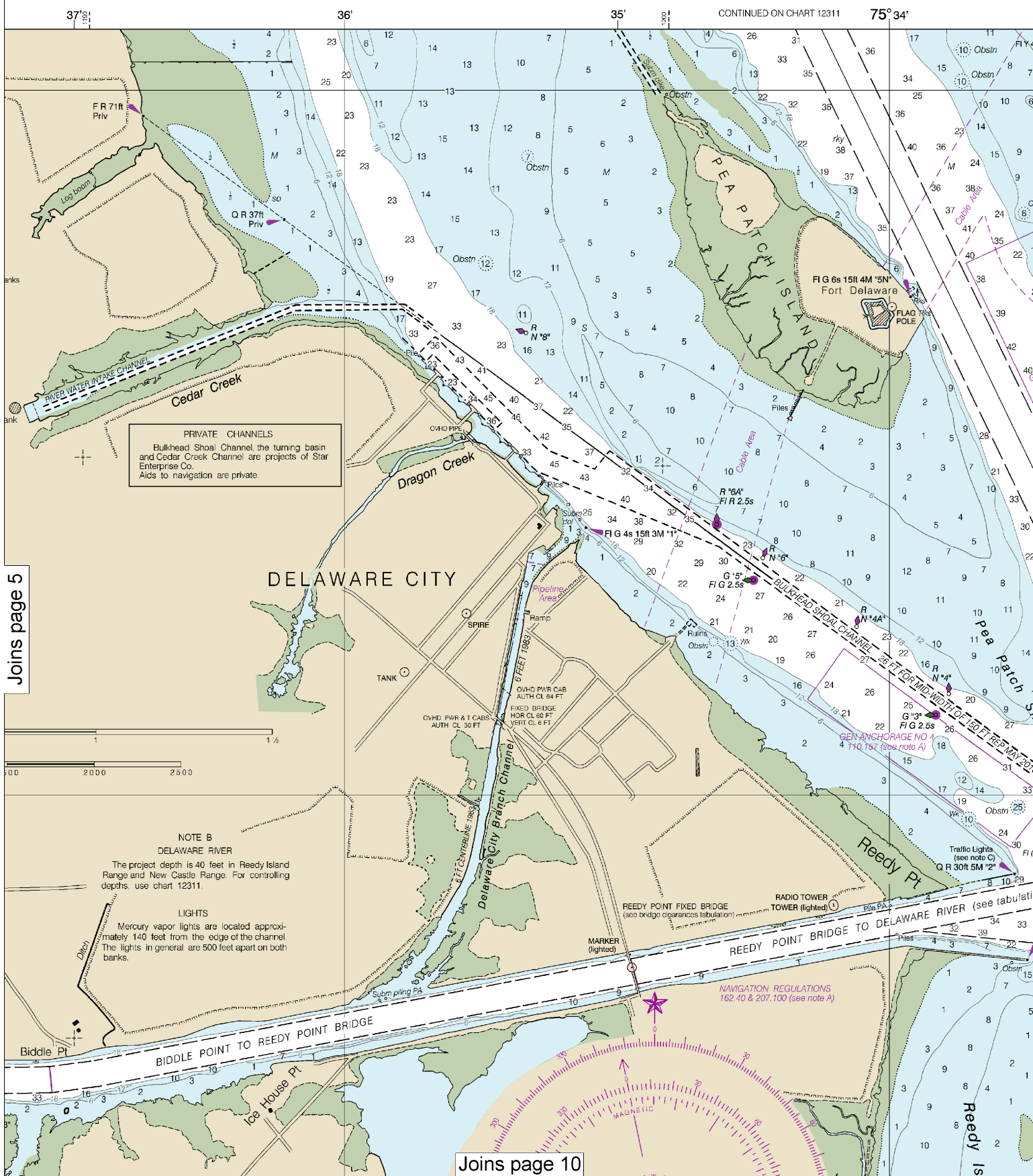
For more information on aids to navigation, including those on Western Rivers, please consult the latest USCG Light List for your area. These volumes are available online at <http://www.navcen.uscg.gov>





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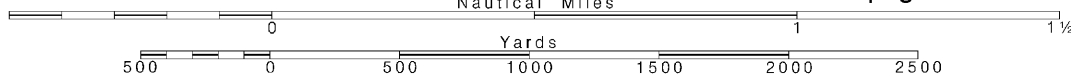
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SCALE 1:20,000  
Nautical Miles

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**SOUNDINGS IN FEET**

33' 32' 31' 30'

36'

35'

34'

33'

DELAWARE RIVER

Mill Creek

Goose Pond

Baldridge Cr.

Marsh Pt.

Salem Cove

Hickory Island

Oakwood Beach

Supawna Meadow

LOCAL MAGNETIC DISTURBANCE (see note)

REGULATED NAVIGATION AREA 165.510 (see note A)

NEW CASTLE RANGE (see note B)

GEN ANCHORAGE NO. 5 110.157 (see note A)

GEN ANCHORAGE NO. 3

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NEW JERSEY

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LANDING SINNICKSON LANDING TO END OF PROJECT	18.2	17.0	17.7	8-14
TURNING BASIN PROJECT WIDTH	80%	100%		
TURNING BASIN	12.0	9.7	5-14	320 0.2 16

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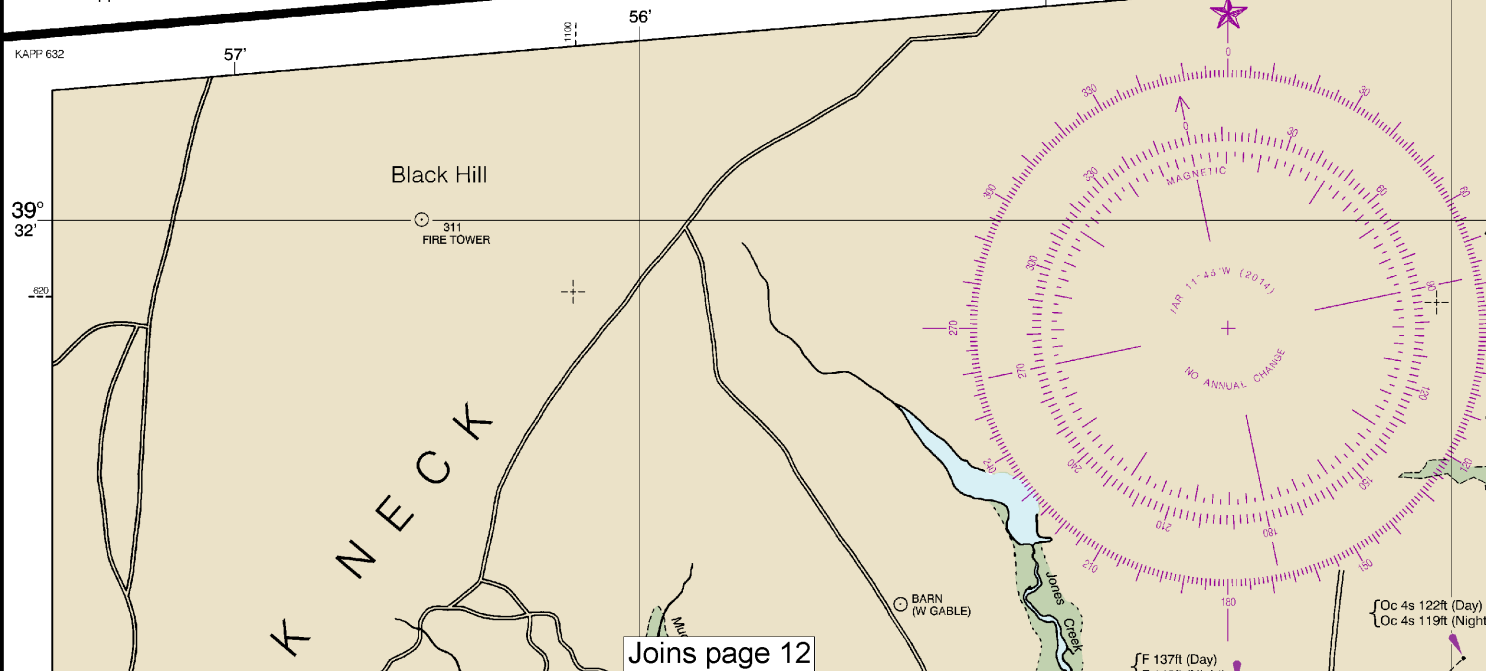
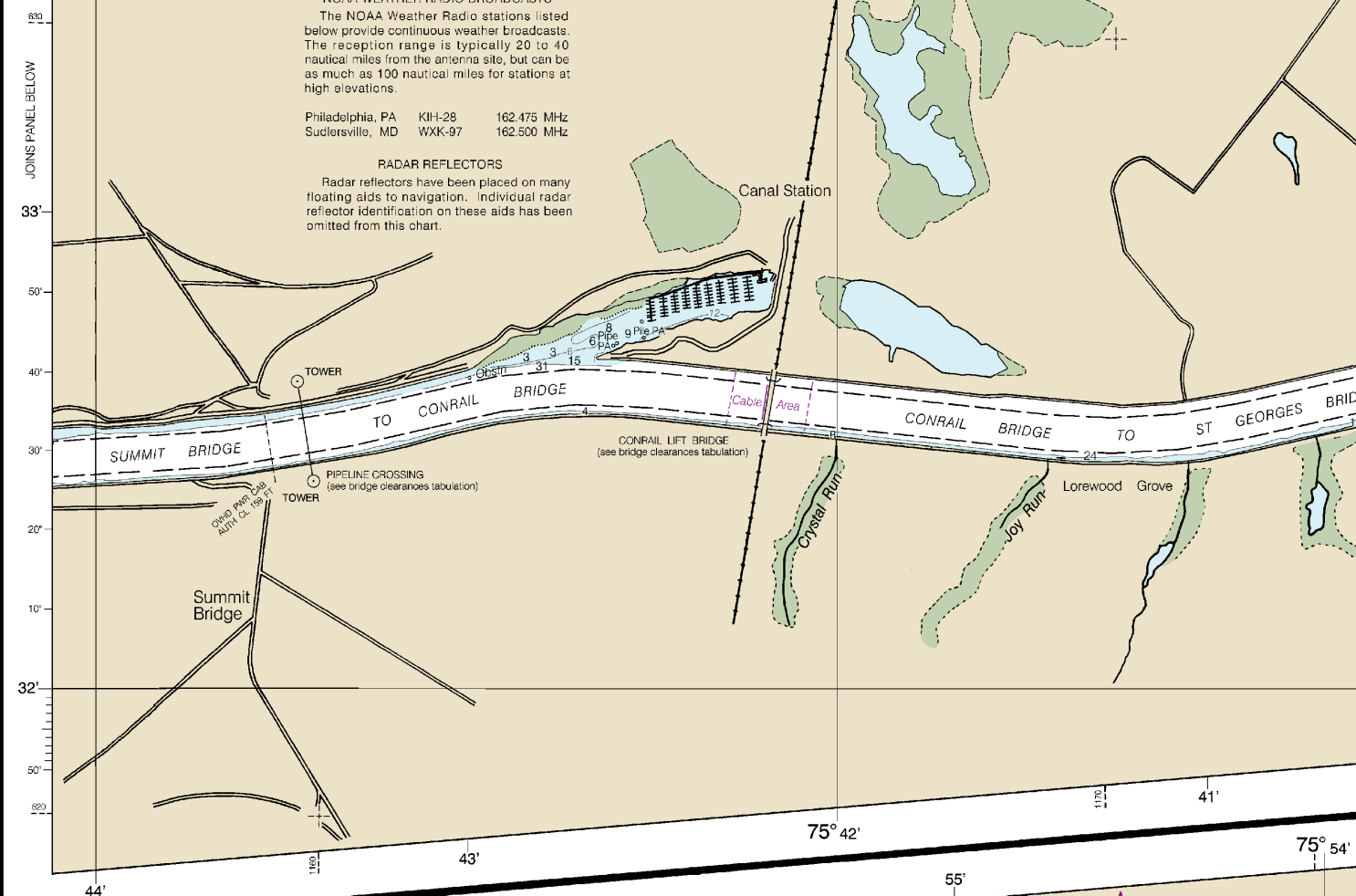
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Where definite limits have not been prescribed, the local fishing structures is restricted only by the regulations.

**NOAA WEATHER RADIO BROADCASTS**  
The NOAA Weather Radio stations listed below provide continuous weather broadcasts. The reception range is typically 20 to 40 nautical miles from the antenna site, but can be as much as 100 nautical miles for stations at high elevations.

Philadelphia, PA KIH-28 162.475 MHz  
Sudlersville, MD WXK-97 162.500 MHz

**RADAR REFLECTORS**  
Radar reflectors have been placed on many floating aids to navigation. Individual radar reflector identification on these aids has been omitted from this chart.



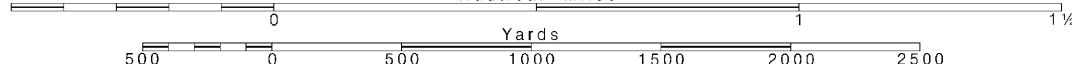
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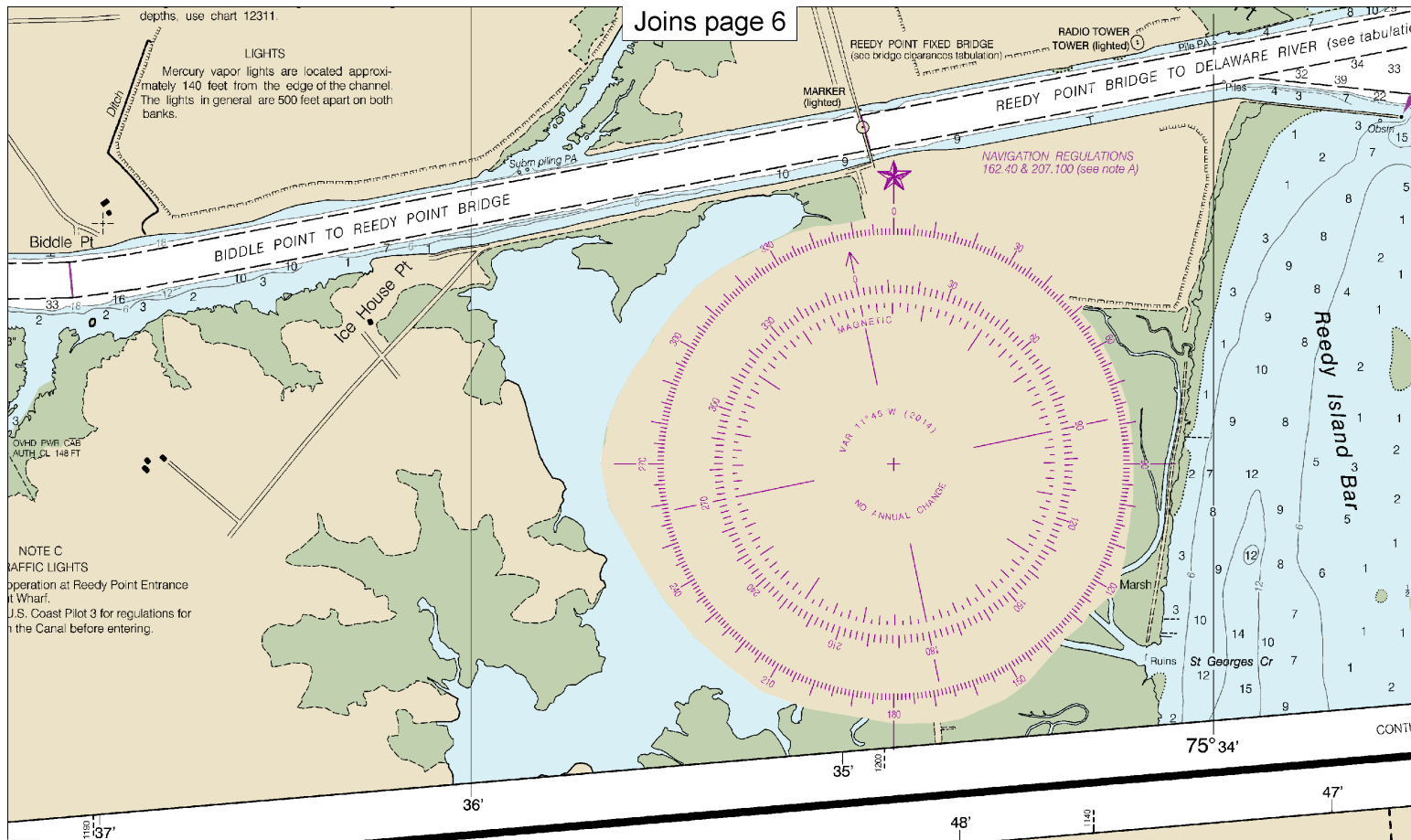
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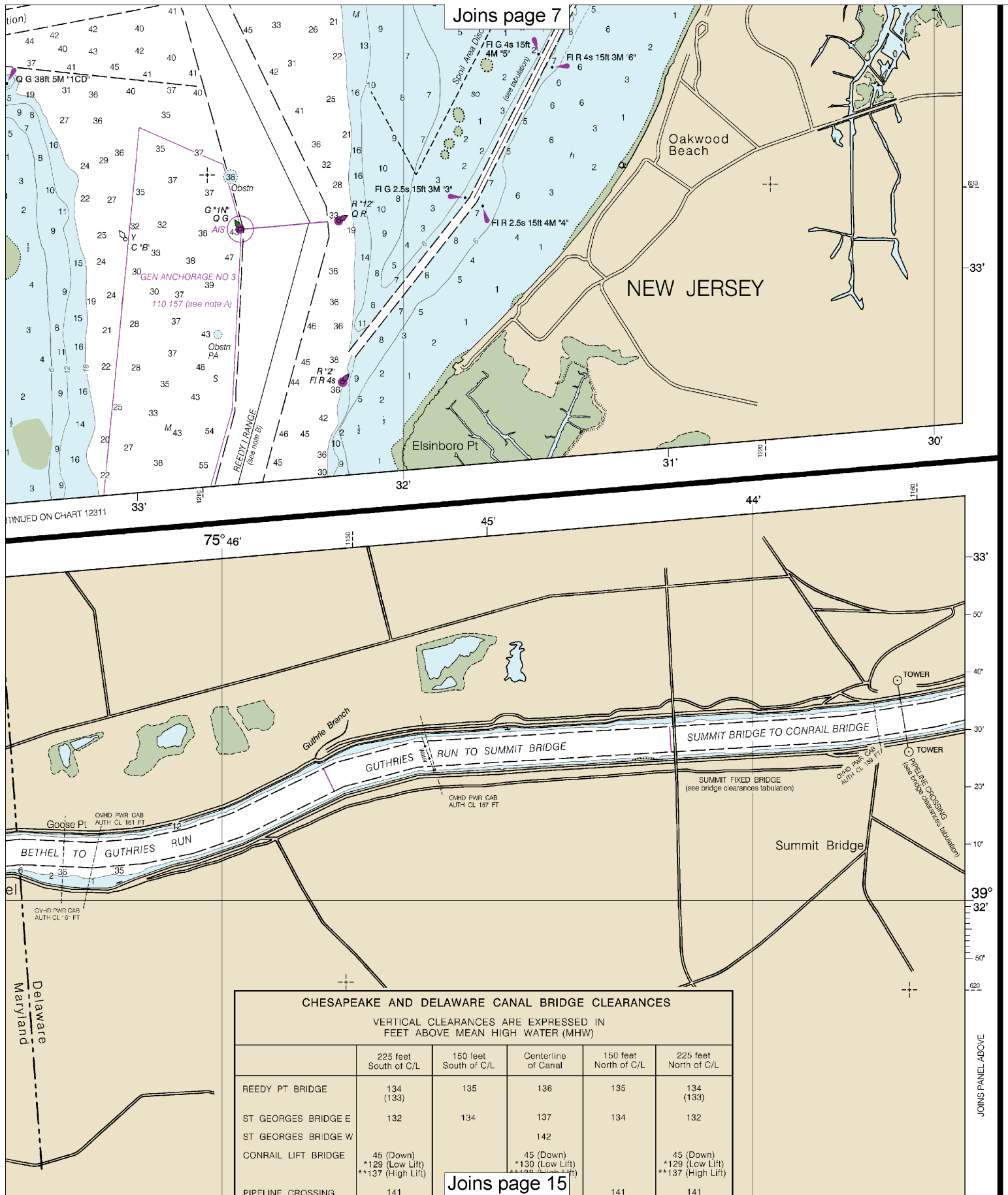
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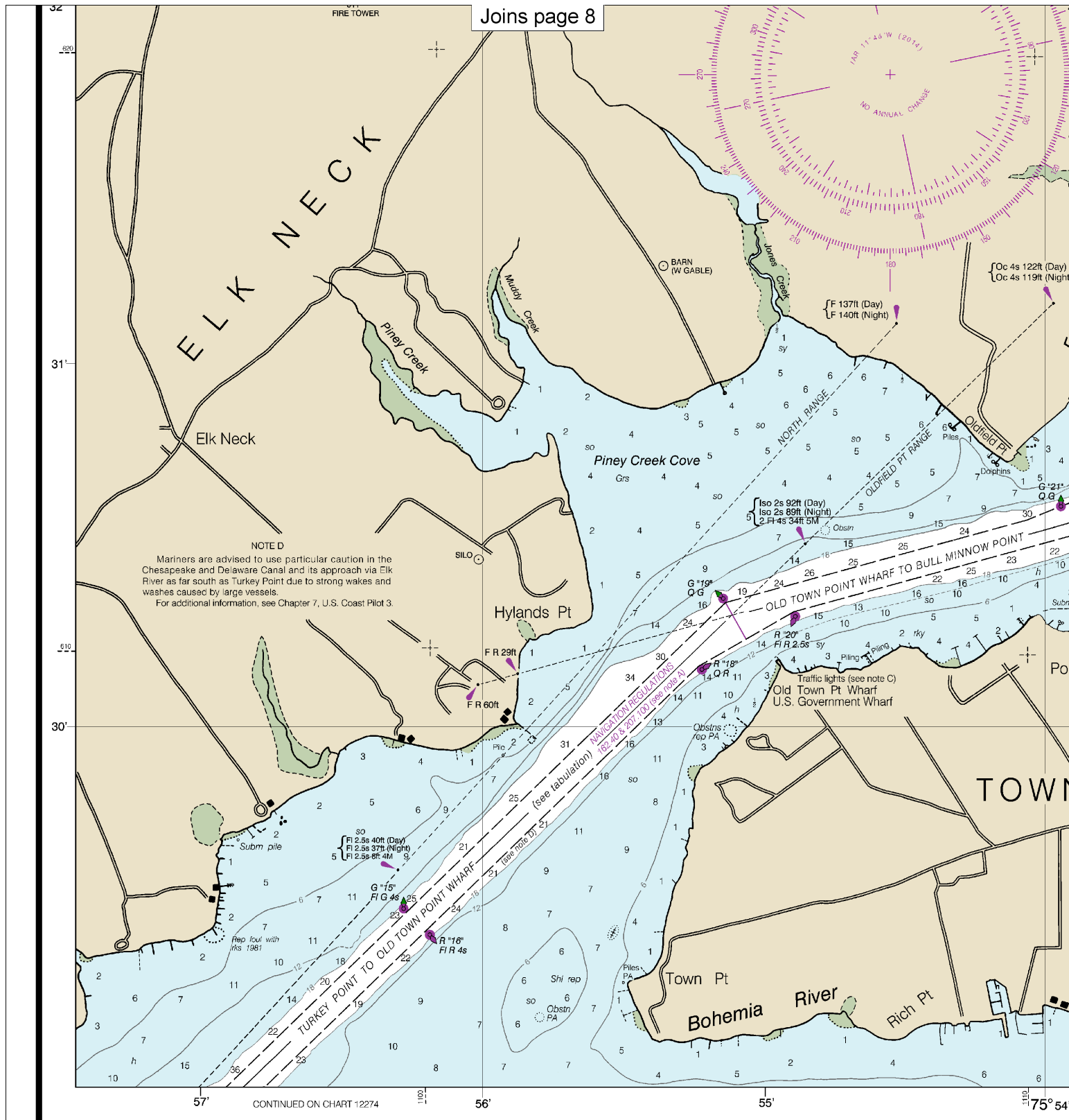












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CAUTION

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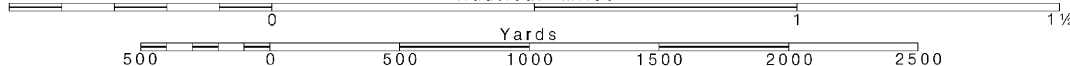
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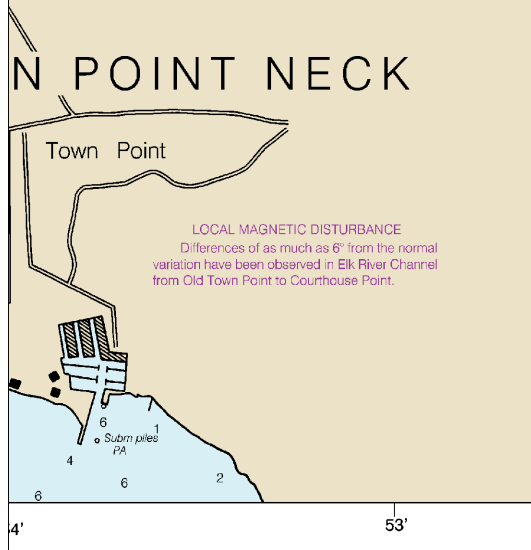
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### POLLUTION REPORTS

Report all spills of oil and hazardous substances to the National Response Center v 1-800-424-8802 (toll free), or to the nearest U.S. Coast Guard facility if telephone communication is impossible (33 CFR 153).



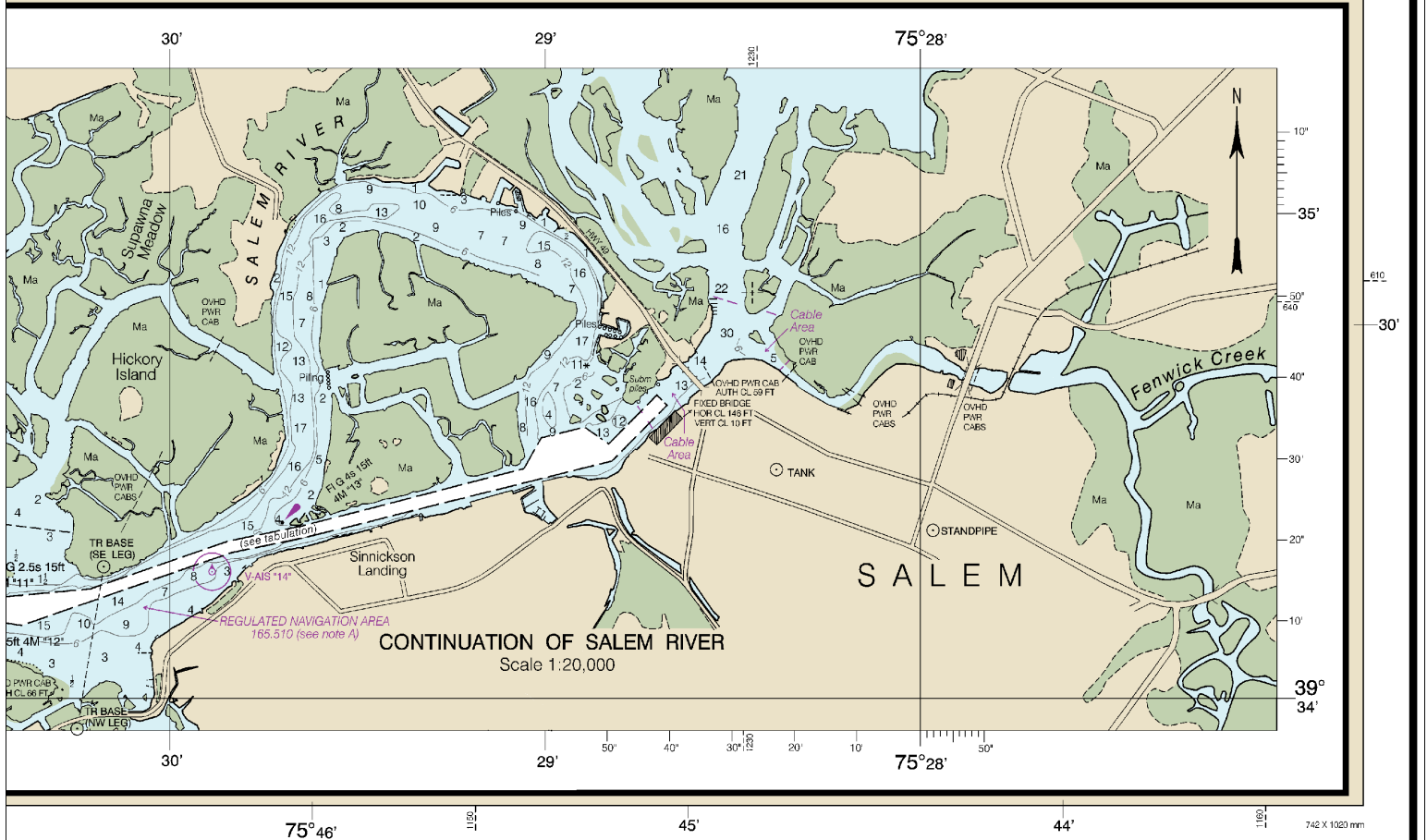


### CHESAPEAKE AND DELAWARE CANAL BRIDGE CLEARANCES

VERTICAL CLEARANCES ARE EXPRESSED IN FEET ABOVE MEAN HIGH WATER (MHW)

	225 feet South of C/L	150 feet South of C/L	Centerline of Canal	150 feet North of C/L	225 feet North of C/L
REEDY PT BRIDGE	134 (133)	135	136	135	134 (133)
ST GEORGES BRIDGE E	132	134	137	134	132
ST GEORGES BRIDGE W			142		
CONRAIL LIFT BRIDGE	45 (Down) *129 (Low Lift) **137 (High Lift)		45 (Down) *130 (Low Lift) **138 (High Lift)		45 (Down) *129 (Low Lift) **137 (High Lift)
PIPELINE CROSSING	141	141	141	141	141
SUMMIT BRIDGE	135 (132)	137	138	137	135 (131)
CHESAPEAKE CITY BRIDGE	136 (135)	138	140	138	136 (134)

Notes: 136- -Clearances below lowest steel girder of bridge.  
(134)-Clearances below navigation lights.  
\*Normal low limit stop for raised position of Conrail Lift Bridge.  
\*\*The Conrail Lift Bridge limit override allows an additional 8 feet of clearance. (indicated by alignment of white lines)





## VHF Marine Radio channels for use on the waterways:

**Channel 6** – Inter-ship safety communications.

**Channel 9** – Communications between boats and ship-to-coast.

**Channel 13** – Navigation purposes at bridges, locks, and harbors.

**Channel 16** – Emergency, distress and safety calls to Coast Guard and others, and to initiate calls to other

vessels. Contact the other vessel, agree to another channel, and then switch.

**Channel 22A** – Calls between the Coast Guard and the public. Severe weather warnings, hazards to navigation and safety warnings are broadcast here.

**Channels 68, 69, 71, 72 and 78A** – Recreational boat channels.

**Getting and Giving Help** — Signal other boaters using visual distress signals (flares, orange flag, lights, arm signals); whistles; horns; and on your VHF radio. You are required by law to help boaters in trouble. Respond to distress signals, but do not endanger yourself.



**NOAA Weather Radio All Hazards (NWR)** is a nationwide network of radio stations broadcasting continuous weather information directly from the nearest National Weather Service office. NWR broadcasts official Weather Service warnings, watches, forecasts and other hazard information 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/nwr/>

## Distress Call Procedures

- Make sure radio is on.
- Select Channel 16.
- Press/Hold the transmit button.
- Clearly say: "MAYDAY, MAYDAY, MAYDAY."
- Also give: Vessel Name and/or Description; Position and/or Location; Nature of Emergency; Number of People on Board.
- Release transmit button.
- Wait for 10 seconds — If no response Repeat MAYDAY call.

**HAVE ALL PERSONS PUT ON LIFE JACKETS!**

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National Data Buoy Center	—	<a href="http://www.ndbc.noaa.gov/">http://www.ndbc.noaa.gov/</a>
NowCoast web portal for coastal conditions	—	<a href="http://www.nowcoast.noaa.gov/">http://www.nowcoast.noaa.gov/</a>
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